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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

WILLIAM A. WILLIAMS, et al.

Serial No. 09/903,230

Filed: **July 11, 2001**

For: **ACCELERATOR FREE LATEX
FORMULATIONS, METHODS OF
MAKING SAME AND ARTICLES
MADE FROM SAME**

Art Unit: 1711

Examiner: **Nutter, N.M.**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

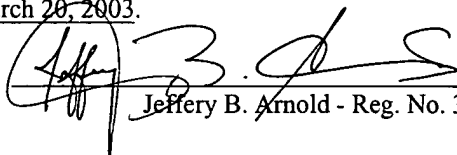
Sir:

In response to the outstanding Election/Restriction Requirement mailed November 21, 2002, Applicants respectfully request examination in view of the following election and remarks. A petition and fee for an extension of time for reply to the Election/Restriction Requirement is attached. Additionally filed herewith is a Change of Correspondence Address.

Applicants hereby elect the Group V claims, Claims 27-33, with traverse. According to the outstanding Election/Restriction Requirement, the Group V claims are drawn to an elastomeric material, classified in class 525, subclasses 192, 193, 194, and 196. Applicants respectfully assert that the Group I and Group VI claims are so closely related that the search for each claim will overlap. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement between the Group I and Group IV claims.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on March 20, 2003.


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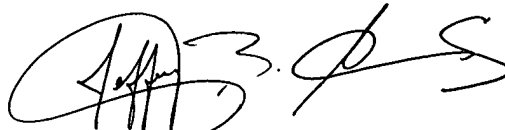
Additionally, Applicants respectfully remind the Examiner that M.P.E.P. § 806.05(i) states:

where the product claims are allowable, restriction may be required only where the process of making and the product made are distinct; otherwise, the process of using must be joined with the process of making and product made, even if the showing of distinctness can be made between the product and process of using.

As such, Applicants submit that upon a determination of allowable subject matter in the Group V claims, the Group I-IV and VI claims must be joined.

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the outstanding Election/Restriction requirement. Early and favorable consideration of the claims is requested. If the Examiner believes any informalities remain in the application which may be corrected by Examiner's amendment, or there are any other issues which can be resolved by telephone interview, a telephone conference to the undersigned attorney at (404) 745-2461 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffery B. Arnold", with a large, stylized initial "J" and "A".

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